Construction of Kollam Bypass

2059. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government accorded sanction for the construction of the subsequent phases of Kollam Bypass in Kerala;

(b) the phases of Kollam Bypass which have since been completed; and

(c) whether Government consider to accord sanction for the construction of remaining phases of Kollam Bypass?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The construction work of Phase-I & II of Kollam Bypass have been completed.

(c) At present, the Government priority is to improve the riding quality of the existing National Highways and reconstruction of weak/damaged culverts and bridges. The construction of remaining phases of Kollam Bypass can only be considered in future plans depending upon availability of funds and *inter-se* priority of works.

Panel to examine toll tax charges

2060. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have set up a panel to re-examine the toll charges levied on National Highways; and

(b) if so, the terms and references of the panel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has constituted a Committee to examine the methodology of working out the quantum of toll to be charged for various types of transport per kilometer on four lane National Highways.

Proposal by Andhra Pradesh for linkage of NH-17 and NH-9

2061. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh sent a proposal for construction of a major Bypass for Hyderabad, linking NH-17 and NH-9;

(b) whether it also requested to sanction it as a part of North South corridor;

(c) if so, the details of the proposals; and

(d) the action taken on the request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Presumably the Hon'ble M.P. intends to refer to Bypass for Hyderabad, linking NH-7 and NH-9 and not NH-17 and NH-9 as mentioned in the Question. If so, the answer is Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) State Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal for construction of a bypass of length 87.4 km. for Hyderabad as a part of 4 laning of NH-7 under North-South Corridor of National Highway Development Project.

(d) State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been asked to reimburse the cost already incurred by the Central Government on 4 laning of NH-7 around Hyderabad city and to make available 60 m wide land free of cost for this construction.